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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takashi TSUDA, et al.

Serial No. 09/432,112

Group Art Unit: 2872

Confirmation No. 9637

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Examiner: J. Juba, Jr.

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTICAL TRANSMISSION ADOPTING DISPERSION
COMPENSATION

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed January 8, 2002, indicated that there was no express instruction to cancel claims 10, 11, 18 and 19.

This Preliminary Response is submitted to point out that claims 10, 11, 18 and 19 were canceled, as indicated on page 8 of the Amendment filed December 31, 2001.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Response be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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